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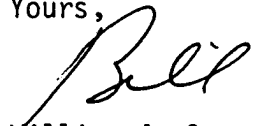
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Dear Gordon,

I hate to do this but I have to ask you to excuse me from participation in the Center's program in Grand Rapids in November. Thank goodness it's not too late to bow out. I had not realized that there would be heavy foreign attendance but I received this note from our Public Affairs Director. I attach a copy so you will understand and ask you to destroy it when you have read it.

Best regards.

Yours,



William J. Casey

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DCI:

FYI. As you will recall you have accepted an invitation to speak in Grand Rapids, Michigan on Saturday, 2 November, to the Center for the Study of the Presidency. Approximately 750 attendees are expected. I think you should be aware the Center is planning to invite a number of foreigners to attend and to make the meeting, and its speeches, a media event.

Representatives from Latin America, including professional men, business leaders, editors and publishers who are the leaders of political parties in their countries, are being invited by USIA to attend this conference. Canadian parliamentary interns will also be present.

The above mentioned foreign nationals will be present for your address, and TV, radio and press coverage of all the speakers is planned. While we have asked that radio and TV be excluded from your speech as is customary, it may be impossible this time around to ensure no TV and radio coverage.

You will be breaking new ground during your tenure as DCI by publicly addressing a group to include foreign nationals such these and by what may be live TV and radio coverage of your speech. There probably isn't much we can do about it all short of cancelling your address, but I thought you'd like to know now what's coming up rather than hearing it later on.


George V. Lauder

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Hon. William J. Casey
Director of the Central Intelligence Agency
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Dear Bill:

Thank you for your call today accepting the Center's invitation to participate in the Center's 16th Annual Leadership Conference. As I advised [redacted] this is convening at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids, Michigan the weekend of November 1-3, 1985, with President Ford as the primary host.

The theme "Command Decision And The Presidency" is taken from the volume by that name. You may recall President Ford had written the Foreword for it and you, yourself wrote a generous commentary for the book jacket.

Bill, we hope you will be with us as much as your busy schedule permits, beginning with the Friday evening, November 1st reception and dinner commencing at 6:30 p.m. We would like you to join President Ford on the dais that evening. Should your schedule permit we would like to have you address the conference the following evening, Saturday, November 2nd, again following a reception and dinner commencing at 6:30 p.m.

In the interim, kindly send us your biographical sketch and photograph, the latter preferably 8x10. For your support for the Center and for the conference we are most grateful, believe me. Best wishes to you and to your family.

Sincerely yours,



R. Gordon Hoxie

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